# FBI 'Stultified'

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NEW YORK — Whitney North Seymour Jr., the recently resigned U.S. Attorney for New York, yesterday proposed that the FBI be relieved of the crime-busting activities that made it famous.

Seymour, in charging that FBI criminal investigations have "grown increasingly stultified in recent years," said the agency should be restricted to such domestic security functions as background checks on politicians and federal job applicants.

The agency's criminal investigations, he said, should be "merged with other federal investigative agencies" to form a new federal criminal investigative agency "wholly independent" of the Justice Department.